

ADMITS IN COURT CRIME FOR WHICH ANOTHER IS ON TRIAL

Isom Cox, Of Estill, Returns From Hamilton, Ohio, After Conversion At Salvation Army Meet, And Confesses Forging And Cashing Check.

RICHMOND, Ky., Jan. 16.—Isom Cox, aged 21, of Estill county, came all the way from Hamilton, Ohio, took a seat on the witness stand in the court house facing the County Judge, and a jury, and made a full confession of forging a check at Berea, this county, several weeks ago, which confession completely exonerated Wade Hurd, a well-known young man of this county, who had been arrested and charged with the crime.

It will be recalled that Hurd was arrested about two weeks ago, charged with forging a \$15 check on Thomas Baker, of Berea. His trial was set for Monday, but was postponed until yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock that he might look up two witnesses by whom he claimed he could prove an alibi. More than twenty witnesses by whom he claimed he could prove an alibi. More than twenty witnesses were summoned by the Commonwealth.

Cox Explains His Action.

Meantime Cox had returned to Berea, hunted up Baker, explained what he had done, and expressed his desire of reimbursing him, when he was informed that it was now too late, for Wade Hurd had been arrested and was in jail charged with the crime.

Cox caught the next train for Richmond and just as all plans had been completed for the trial he walked into the court house and went directly to the Judge. The crowd was amazed when, a little later, he took the witness stand, and said: "Wade Hurd is innocent and I am guilty." He broke down and wept for five minutes, then continuing he said: "I am Isom Cox; my home is in Estill county."

Tells of Making Out Check.

"I knew Wade Hurd and a few weeks ago while at Berea I made out a check payable to him and signed the name of Thomas Baker, whom I also knew, and then I endorsed Hurd's name, went to the bank, got the \$15 and left immediately for Ohio."

"I drifted into Hamilton, came in touch with the Salvation Army, became converted and realized my mistake. Now I have returned to stand the consequences." He again broke down and wept, and was escorted to the Sheriff's office, when several men expressed their willingness to go his bond.

After a consultation between Judge Turpin and Commonwealth's Attorney Crook, his bond was fixed at \$300 which was readily signed by a number of prominent men and the young man was allowed to go to his home to return for trial next Thursday.

CONSUL'S BODY IS RECOVERED

Arthur Cheney and Wife Are Found in the Ruins of Messina.

Special to The News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—Capt. Bouyer of the battleship Illinois, cables from Messina that the bodies of Consul Arthur Cheney and wife have been recovered from the ruins.

MONEY IS CABLED TO EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS

Lexington Donation of \$569 is Sent Direct to King Victor Emmanuel.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 16.—Five hundred and sixty-nine dollars, the amount raised in this city by the Italian colony and by private and public contributions for the relief of the Sicilian earthquake sufferers, was sent to King Victor Emmanuel, Rome, Italy, yesterday by the Postal Telegraph and Commercial Cable.

Michael Candioto, chairman of the subscription committee, sent the money by cable direct to the King of Italy, stating in the telegram that \$569 had been raised in Lexington for the benefit of the earthquake sufferers.

CLYDE GAINES' STABLE BURNS

Another Costly Fire Visits Winchester at Midnight Friday.

The city was visited by another costly conflagration at midnight Friday night, when fire the origin of which is unknown, almost completely destroyed the livery stable of Clyde Gaines on Court street, entailing a loss of nearly \$3,000, which is fully covered by insurance. The fire originated in the loft and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered, and had it not been for the hard work and heroic efforts of the fire ladders after their arrival, it would have probably resulted in the costliest conflagration in the history of the city.

Narrowest Streets.

The stable was on one of the narrowest streets in the city with buildings all round it and located at the rear of it is the big Miller stables, which for a time the spreading of the flames to it and the other adjoining buildings seemed almost inevitable, and if they had, there would have been no end to the loss that would have been incurred, but by the efforts of the firemen and the number of citizens that had gathered at the fire, the flames were confined to the one building.

Fell From Ladder.

Mr. James A. McCourt, one of the firemen fell from a ladder in front of the burning building, striking his head against the sidewalk sustaining a very painful, though not serious injury. He was picked up/unconscious and was taken into the police court room, where medical aid was given him. He was taken to his home on Winn avenue in a carriage and a report from there at an early hour Saturday morning states that he is resting very comfortable.

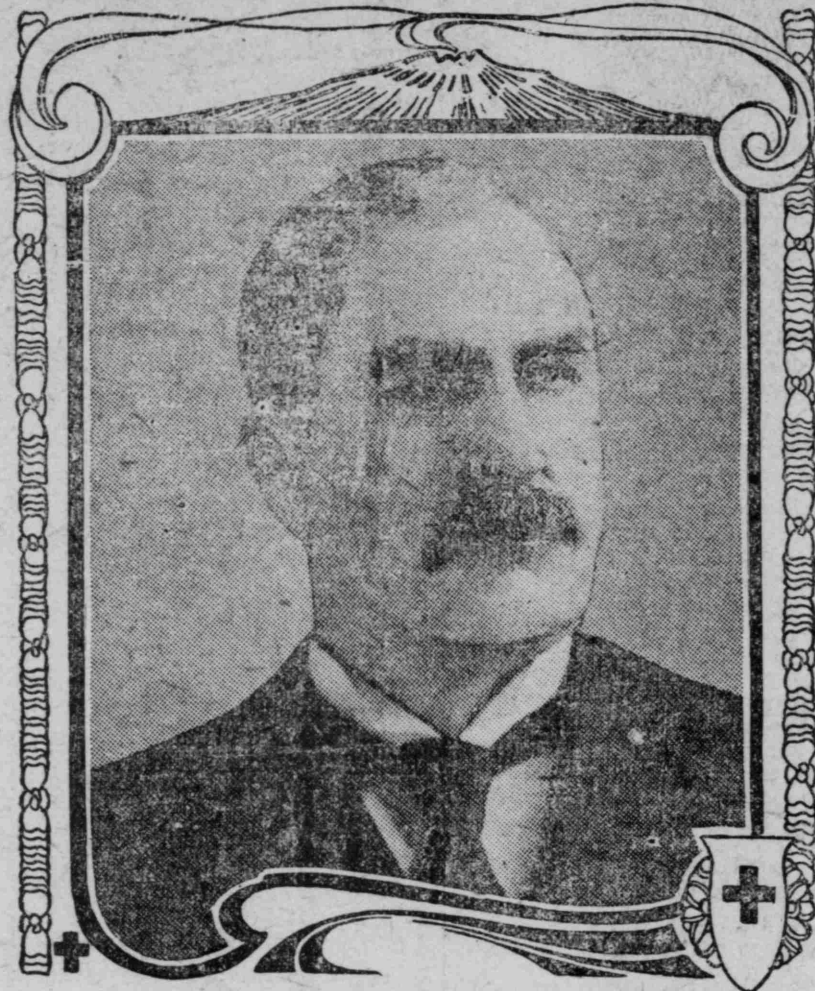
15 Horses in the Building.

There was about 15 horses in the building at the time of the fire and by hard and brave work on the part of the firemen, and several stable attaches, they were all saved. Only a few of the carriages and buggies were saved and only about three sets of harness were gotten out. The loss on some of the buggies will not be total, as a good many of them can be repaired.

Pathetic Scene.

One rather pathetic scene was enacted during the fire in getting out two of the horses.

When the fire was at its height all of the horses had been gotten out but two; they were in the extreme rear end of the building when the fire was burning the worst and it seemed their loss was almost certain. The horses could be seen through the windows rearing up in their stalls and heard kicking as if calling for help as the flames and smoke were crowding in on them. Dennis Daniels, a well-known and respected colored citizen, who had heard the horses calling for help in their mute way, could not stand the scene and he went to Ike Tracy, who was in the front of the building fighting the flames, and with tears rolling down his cheeks, begged Mr. Tracy to go with him and help get the horses out; assuring Mr. Tracy that if he was overcome with the smoke he would stay with him as long as he could and get him out. Mr. Tracy assuring him the same support the two men started crawling on their hands and feet through the burning building to where the horses were and released them from their perilous position. The blankets on the horses when they were brought out were afire. The men could have taken no greater chances with their lives or displayed any more bravery to have saved a human life than they did to get these two horses out.



GENERAL DAVIS, WHO HEADS AMERICAN RED CROSS RELIEF

General George W. Davis, U. S. A., is chairman of the central committee of the American Red Cross society and as such is in immediate charge of the relief sent from America to the earthquake sufferers in Italy. He works in this undertaking in conjunction with Count Taverna, president of the Italian Red Cross society, and all funds and supplies sent from the Red Cross society in America are to be distributed by the society in Italy. The relief fund for the earthquake sufferers probably will be the largest ever raised for a single charitable purpose.

HOUSES PASSES BRIDGE BILL

County To Be Reimbursed For Building Howard's Creek Bridge.

The backwater resulting from the improvement of the Kentucky River, necessitated the construction of a bridge over Upper Howard's Creek, near Allensville, in this county. The county put in the bridge at a cost of \$2,727.05. At the last session of Congress, the Tenth District Representative in Congress, Hon. John W. Langley introduced a bill to reimburse the county for the expenditure.

At 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, Judge J. H. Evans received the following telegram:

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15, 1909.

Judge J. H. Evans, Winchester, Ky.: Bridge bill passed house unanimously today. I am close after the feather.

JOHN W. LANGLEY.

The feather referred to is one that Judge Evans promised to put in Mr. Langley's cap if he got the bill through.

BROOM BALL TEAM WENT TO MAYSVILLE

Were Given a Royal Reception. Opponents Win By Score of 1 to 0.

The local broom ball team that went to Maysville Friday morning to play the team of that place two games, returned home Saturday morning with their victory flag only half mast.

The first game resulted in a tie and the second resulted in a victory for the Maysville team. The home boys say they were given a royal reception by the good people of the Mason capital and especially by their opponents. They put up a hard fight to bring back the honors but their opponents proved to be just a little bit the best. The score at the finish was 1 to 0. There will be another moonlight skate at the Auditorium tonight. The moonlight skate will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

GETS ONE YEAR IN THE PENITENTIARY.

Gilmer Slimp was given one year in the penitentiary for housebreaking and for stealing a watch and pistol, valued at \$170. He was arrested in Powell county, eight miles from Clay City, by Sheriff John Cannon and Detective Lawrence Clark and was lodged in the Winchester jail.

CAMPBELL CANTRILL IS AGAIN ELECTED

Kentucky Society of Equity Keeps its Old Officers in the Harness.

MADISONVILLE, Ky., Jan. 16.—The most important business of yesterday's session of the A. S. of E., was the report of the committee on nominations, which was as follows: J. Campbell Cantrill, of Scott county, president; C. M. Barnett, of Ohio county, vice president; S. B. Robinson, of McLean county, secretary-treasurer; M. F. Sharp, of Owen county, organizer.

The report was unanimously adopted by the convention, and the officers who have served so faithfully during the past year will look after the interests of the society for another twelve months. The Board of Directors for the State is composed of the following: N. W. Watson, Webster county; J. H. Connell, Caldwell county; T. T. Barrett, of Henderson county; George Davis, Owen county; G. W. McMullen, Covington.

The place of holding the next annual convention was Frankfort, that city being unanimously selected by the delegates present. Sixty-five delegates from the State-at-large were appointed to attend the next annual national convention which will be held this summer.

George Smithers, of Owen county; H. C. Helaley, Pond River district; Henry Berry, Green River district; T. T. Barrett, stemming district; J. F. Doss, Green River district; Bradley Wilson, dark district, appointed committee to see that delegates are selected to attend the union tobacco meeting to be held in Louisville on January 21.

IN DOOR BASEBALL GAME FOR MONDAY NIGHT

Town and College Will Line up Against Each Other at the Auditorium.

The baseball fans will be given another opportunity to see another interesting game of indoor baseball at the Auditorium Monday night between the town team and the college team. Both teams have been working hard since the game Monday and are now in splendid shape for the game Monday night. The game will be called promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

THAW TO BE TRIED ON INSANITY PLEA.

NYACK, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Justice Tompkins issued an order that Harry Thaw be given trial before a court in New York City to determine whether sane or insane. A jury trial was ordered.

POE CENTENARY IS CELEBRATED

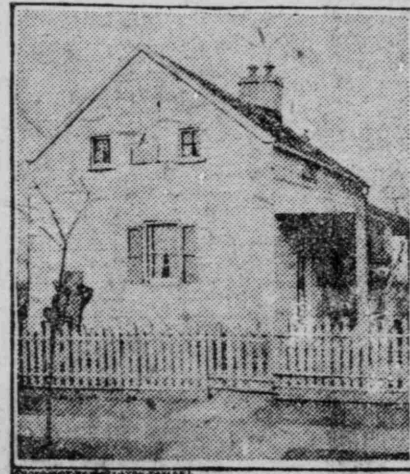
University of Virginia Opens Exercises Today—To Continue Four Days.

Washington, Jan. 16.—With the opening today of the room of Edgar Allan Poe at the University of Virginia as a Poe museum the national celebration of the centenary of the great writer's birth will begin.

There will be one great central celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the poet's birth, which occurs Jan. 19. A number of separate celebrations, however, will be held in his honor—one in Boston, where he was born; one at the University of Virginia, where he was educated; another in Providence, R. I., where, after the death of his wife, he wooed Mrs. Sarah Helen Whitman, also a poet; another in New York, where he lived the closing years of his life, and one in Baltimore, where he died threescore years ago.

University's Celebration.

At the University of Virginia the celebration proper will begin this evening, when the Jefferson Literary society, of which the university's greatest literary genius was a member, will hold appropriate exercises.



THE POE COTTAGE.

Tomorrow evening the Rev. Dr. W. A. Barr of Lynchburg, Va., will preach in the college chapel.

On Jan. 19 the celebration at the university will reach its climax and assume an international importance. Poe's influence not only on American literature and letters, but on foreign literature, will be the subject of addresses by prominent men.

Exercises in Poe Cottage.

Two celebrations will be held in New York city on Jan. 19, one at Columbia university, where Thomas Nelson Page, the Virginia author, will be one of the speakers, and another at Fordham cottage and New York university.

The exercises at Poe's cottage at Fordham will consist of a reception in the poet's tiny home, where his wife died, and the dedication of a tablet in Poe park. This will be followed by a memorial meeting in the auditorium of New York university.

Professor George E. Woodberry, a biographer of Poe, will preside, while the speakers will be Dr. Hamilton Wright Mable and Henry Noble MacCracken. A poem written for the occasion will be read by its author, Edwin Markham.

WILL DROP PARTY LINES

Ohio's Democratic Executive to Head State Troops at Inauguration.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Ohio will take a conspicuous part in the inauguration of William H. Taft. Party lines will for the time being be thrown aside and Judson Harmon, Democratic governor of that state, with his entire staff, will head the Ohio division of 3,000 troops. In addition the Miami Military Institute will send its full corps of cadets to participate in the grand pageant. Thus far quarters have been provided for the governors of Ohio, Massachusetts, Mississippi and Maryland.

Back to the Farm.

Eaton, O., Jan. 16.—The return of ex-Governor A. L. Harris to Eaton from Columbus was marked by no special degree of receptive interest, although his coming into the quietude and pleasant environments of his home is cordially received by his fellow citizens and neighbors. The remainder of this winter will be spent by him in an undisturbed manner in Eaton. However, with the opening of spring the duties of the farm will be tackled by the ex-governor with his usual vim and interest.

Federation to Act.

New York, Jan. 16.—A conference of representatives of labor unions using labels will be called by the Federation of Labor, according to members of the national board of hatters, to consider what they declare is an organized effort of employers to all lines to do away with the union label.

CLAY ADVOCATE OF SIMPLE LIFE

Senator Opposes Higher Salary For President—Increase is Too Great.

Washington, Jan. 16.—An amendment in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill increasing the salary of the president to \$100,000, of the vice president and speaker of the house of representatives to \$20,000, with \$5,000 additional allowances for carriages and coachmen for the vice president and speaker, and increases for the judiciary aggregating \$328,500, precipitated a lively discussion in the senate.

Senator Borah of Idaho made a point of order against these increases on the ground that they involve general legislation, which, according to the rules of the senate, can not be placed in an appropriation bill in face of a single objection. The debate centered upon the first of the amendments objected to, which was to increase the salary of the speaker of the house of representatives, and various criticisms were called forth against such extensive advance of salaries.

Mr. Clay spoke against the proposed increases, which, he said, aggregated \$404,500. He based his opposition on the ground that the additions were too great, and said he would not oppose smaller ones. The appropriation for the navy this year, he predicted, would amount to \$140,000,000, and thus be more than ever carried in any appropriation bill for that purpose.

He insisted that he had no feeling against the newly elected president, but he thought that the time had come when congress should consider these expenditures. He had been anxious to know how much money was spent for keeping up the White House, but had not been able to get the figures.

"If the president were called upon to pay all these expenses," said Mr. Clay, "\$200,000 a year would not be too much." The president, he said, should have enough salary to live in dignity, but he was convinced that sumptuous living would not redound to the benefit of the country.

"The simple life," he said, "plain living and high thinking, bring the best results."

TACKLE BIG COUNTIES

Anti-Saloon League Plans For Four Rose Law Elections.

Columbus, O., Jan. 16.—The Anti-Saloon league has under consideration local option campaigns in Mahoning, Ottawa, Ross and Clark counties. The league now has several men in each of the counties named looking after the preliminary work. The league does not at present contemplate taking up work in any of the other counties which have not voted.

The four counties in which elections are proposed have for their county seats, respectively, Youngstown, Port Clinton, Chillicothe and Springfield. Camp Perry is also located in Ottawa county.

May Vote In Cuyahoga.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 16.—A local option election in Cuyahoga county under the Beal law will be precipitated if the wets invade home districts now dry, says Rev. J. S. Rutledge, in charge of the Cleveland headquarters of the Anti-Saloon league. The granting of a wet petition from Precincts C and B of Ward 1 led Rev. Rutledge to issue the statement.

MORTON IS MISSING

Officers of League Make Demands on Former President's Bondsman.

Akron, O., Jan. 16.—No definite knowledge of the whereabouts of Charles Morton, former president of the Ohio and Pennsylvania baseball league, mysteriously missing since Tuesday, when he went to Cleveland to attend the league's annual meeting, has come to his friends here. The officials of the Ohio and Pennsylvania league presented demands to Morton's bondsmen to secure the return of \$2,500 of the league's money, claimed to have been in Morton's custody.

Alleged Revolutionists Sentenced.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 16.—Thirty-five alleged Mexican revolutionists arrested in the course of internal disturbances in Mexico last summer were sentenced by Judge Lira Y. Lira, at Chihuahua, to prison terms ranging from seven years and two months to one year and three months.

Killed In Trivial Quarrel.

Pine Bloom, Ga., Jan. 15.—Marvin Corbett, 25, was shot and killed here by Elisha Moore, agent of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, in a trivial quarrel over the use of a shotgun.